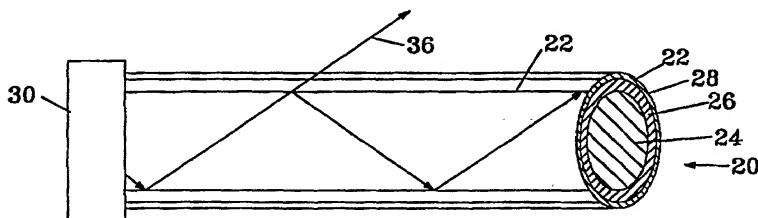




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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to a fiber optic conduit having a light diverting outer layer (22) that reflects and/or refracts ambient light directed towards the conduit. The fiber optic conduit includes a light transmitting core (24), cladded with a fluoropolymer cladding (26) and subsequently jacketed with a polymeric finish jacket (28). The light diverting layer (22) either inserted between the cladding (26) and the jacket (28) or surrounding the jacket (28) is included in the fiber optic conduit. The light diverting layer (22) preferably has the property of allowing light to be transmitted from the fiber optic surface out of the conduit in one direction and reflecting ambient light directed towards the conduit. When reflecting ambient light, the fiber optic conduit appears in the form of chrome trim.